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In the leadup to the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Metro Canada is taking a look at how Canadians are fighting poverty and making ends meet.

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Balloon boy found safe

Family feared child had taken off in craft; father denies whole thing was hoax

A six-year-old Colorado boy was found hiding in a cardboard box in his family's garage Thursday after being feared aboard a homemade helium balloon that hurtled 80 kilometres through the sky on live television.

The discovery marked a bizarre end to a saga that started when the giant silvery balloon floated away from the family's yard Thursday morning, sparking a frantic rescue operation that involved military helicopters and briefly halted some departures from Denver's airport.

Then, more than two hours after the balloon gently touched down in a field with no sign of the boy, Sheriff Jim Alderden turned to reporters during a news conference, gave a thumbs up and said Falcon Heene was "at the house."

"Apparently he's been there the whole time," he said.

The boy's father, Richard Heene, adamantly denied the notion that the whole thing was just a big publicity stunt. Heene and his wife, Mayumi, are storm chasers who appeared twice in the ABC reality show Wife Swap.

During a live interview with CNN, Falcon said he had heard his family calling his name. When his mother asked why he didn't come out, he said, "You had said that we did this for a show."

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Falcon Heene, 6, and his dad Richard.

Later, his father bristled when the family was asked to clarify and said he didn't know what his son meant. He didn't ask his son what he meant by "a show."

The sheriff said he would meet with investigators on Friday to see if the case warranted further investigation.

Heene said the family was tinkering with the balloon Thursday and that he scolded Falcon for getting inside a compartment on the craft.

"He scared me because he yelled at me," Falcon said, adding that's why he fled to the house.

Heene said Falcon's brother saw him inside the compartment and that's why they thought he was aboard the balloon when it launched. Heene added the balloon wasn't tethered properly, and "it was a mishap." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver **2010 Olympic hardware unveiled**

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The Olympic silver, gold and bronze medals, left to right, are seen during an unveiling ceremony in Vancouver Thursday. The ceremony was held to show off the medals that will be presented to winning athletes during the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics.

Pay cuts should be bigger: CTF

WAGES Pay cuts taken by the premier and his cabinet are a good start, says a provincial taxpayers group, but they could have gone much further.

Scott Hennig, Canadian Taxpayers Federation Alberta director, said a 30-plus per cent raise approved last year should have hit the cutting-room floor.

"We would like to see the premier, his cabinet and all MLAs reverse their entire pay hike from last summer," said Hennig.

A government release on Thursday said Premier Ed Stelmach is cutting his allowance by 15 per cent, or just over $12,000 a year, effective immediately. Ministers are having their wages cut by 10 per cent, which comes to almost $6,400 annually. METRO CALGARY WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Local

It's all downhill from here

Get out the wax, kids — ski season starts this weekend in Calgary. Despite projected temperatures into the teens, Canada Olympic Park will open Saturday — the earliest date in years. COP spokesperson Brendon Arnold said skiers and snowboarders can expect a 60-centimetre base, with snow guns having operated most of the week. COP spokesperson Brendon Arnold said the artificial snow base can withstand the rising thermometer. METRO CALGARY

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Calgary in brief

FRAUD Charges have been laid against a Calgary man in an alleged fraudulent door-to-door charity collection scam. Police said a northwest homeowner became suspicious when the suspect allegedly claimed he was from the Canadians Against Child Abuse Society. Abraham Raymond Draznin, 57, of Calgary, faces fraud charges. METRO CALGARY

Calgary tweets

- @ReaFaceToFace I'm kind of glad I was in a staff meeting all afternoon and missed the 'drama'/Darwin Award nominee. #balloonboy
- @poploser Hard to believe being named "Falcon" isn't the reason that kid is going to be made fun of for the rest of his life
- @rkuzyk Oh look—Mother Nature is clearing the roads again for #yyc and Mayor Bronco. #fb

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Pair feeding a need in city

'Two Als' working to help hard-luck Calgarians fill the gaps

Eradicating Poverty

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After witnessing far too many families sleeping on floors without beds or couches, two Calgary men stepped in to lend a hand.

Three years ago, Al Dhalla and Al Mohamed — the "two Als," as they are fondly known — created Feed A Need, a newly registered Alberta charity, to help families, immigrants and Calgarians down on their luck by delivering donated furniture and other household supplies.

"We just thought there was a need and we decided that we would get a truck, pick up donated furniture and deliver it to those in need," Dhalla said, adding Mohamed even quit his job to focus his energy on the charity.

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Al Mohammed, left, Firoz Ebrahim, Sayeed Jamshed and Sayeed Hadi all from Feed A Need move a couch on to a truck, readying another load of donated furniture headed to needy Calgarians.

"It's very gratifying to be able to give back."

Armed with warehouses, trucks and volunteers, the charity has helped almost 3,000 Calgarians.

The Mustard Seed is a familiar source of aid within the "working poor" community.

Those who have jobs but can't necessarily afford a place to live can work with the Mustard Seed's independent housing program to help transition from shelters to homes, according to spokesperson Courtney Fliss.

"We also have over 40 different programs from education, employment, personal mentoring, health and wellness and much more to help our clients," she said.

Since February 2008, the Mustard Seed's independent housing has placed 30 people per month, on average, into their own living quarters.

Hundreds of organizations are in the city to serve needy Calgarians, and anyone in need of support can contact the United Way of Calgary and Area.

Nothing funny about this money bust

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CRIME RCMP have laid charges after nearly $500,000 was seized at an Alberta border crossing in April after an alleged attempt to smuggle the cash into the country.

RCMP said the charges are the first of their kind in the province under federal anti-money laundering legislation and stem from a seizure of $477,050 at the Port of Entry, Coutts, Alta., border crossing on April 26.

"This was really great work on behalf of the border officers. They used their experience and expertise," Canada Border Services Agency spokesperson Lisa White said.

Border officials became suspicious of the suspect's story and searched a Ford F350 truck and horse trailer when they found a secret compartment with a duffel bag containing the money, she added.

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RCMP Sgt. Stephen Scott shows off the province's largest-ever currency border seizure.

RCMP Sgt. Stephen Scott said while police arrested the man at the time, he was released without charges.

"This is a very serious offence," Scott said, adding investigators believe the money is linked to organized crime.

Joseph Dale Butler, 34, of St. Thomas, Ont., is facing charges related to the incident and an Alberta-wide warrant has been issued, though he is believed to be in Ontario, police said.

Province to revise Pap smear guides

WOMEN'S HEALTH Alberta is lengthening the suggested interval between Pap smears to three years from one.

Revised guidelines, developed by a panel of physicians and health experts, reflect research that indicates cell changes that lead to the cancer take years to develop and can be caught with less frequent Pap tests.

It's hoped the changes will mean more women get Pap tests.

Lack of screening and under-screening are cited as the major risk factors for what is an otherwise preventable disease.

"The new guideline is evidence-based and is aligned with cervical screening guidelines followed in other provinces in Canada," said Dr. Verna Mai, of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

"It should be a welcome change for women as there will be fewer Pap tests needed for women who have repeated normal results." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video The medals for the 2010 Olympic Games — among the heaviest in Olympic history — were unveiled in Vancouver Thursday, at **metronews.ca/canada**

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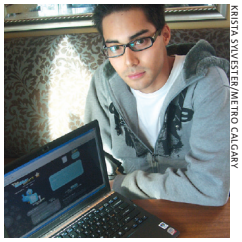
Maintenance results in Shell gas shortages

Shell Canada is running low on gasoline at some Alberta gas stations as maintenance at its refinery is taking longer than first expected. The shortages are affecting stations mainly in Calgary and Edmonton. **METRO CALGARY**

Twitter Lotto could pay off with just one click



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Student Peter H. Danihel's Twitter Lotto money prize is driven by the number of people who hit its website.

PRIZE More traffic equals more money.

With a simple mouse-click, a 23-year-old Mount Royal University marketing student is offering the chance to win a lottery without paying a dime. The only catch — the prize is determined by the frequency and volume of website traffic at thetwitterlotto.com.

"I started this for a class project but it really caught on at first and I want to see just how far it can go. As the website grows and evolves, so does the jackpot," Peter H. Danihel said, adding the prize is already $2,500, and he may take 10 per cent of the final total.

Danihel is banking on the millions of people who access the Internet daily, and he has already seen interest from advertisers like Party Poker. Users need only enter the site to have a chance of winning the lottery.

"I'm doing this because I want employers to look at me and take me serious and see that I can build something from the ground up, and maybe I can apply it to my own business," he said.

Danihel said the jackpot cash comes from advertisers, who loved the idea, and one lucky random name will be drawn Dec. 25.

"Someone will get a nice chunk of money, and advertisers get traffic to their websites; it's a win-win situation."

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Wildrose Alliance members will choose their future direction when they cast ballots this Saturday for candidates Mark Dyrholm, left, and Danielle Smith at the party's leadership convention in Edmonton.

Leadership on the line

Wildrose Alliance candidates prepared for Saturday vote

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Two speeches may be prepared — but only one is preferred.

With one sleepless night remaining until the Wildrose Alliance party elects a new leader, Danielle Smith and Mark Dyrholm both admit it's a tight race and there will be no clear winner until the last ballot is cast.

"You have to go into this writing two speeches: One is conceding defeat, and the other is celebrating. So you hope for the best, but prepare for the worst," said Smith, a former Canadian Federation of Independent Business director.

"It's really exciting though … It's been a long time coming and after Saturday we will know who the leader will be."

Dyrholm, a Calgary chiropractor, said while the race is neck-and-neck, the winner may be whoever gets the most voters out to the ballot box.

"And after the battle is done, we'll have to get behind the winner and build on the strength of the campaigns," he added.

"It's an exciting time because the party is not just an opposition party; we're making strides to become a legitimate government-in-waiting."

Chaldeans Mensah, a political scientist at Grant MacEwan University, said while the race may be close, both potential leaders could shape the future of the party in differing ways.

"I think Danielle Smith is a bit of an unconventional right-wing conservative and Mark Dyrholm is by all accounts a very fiscal conservative candidate," Mensah said. "They are very different."

Hutterites denied licence appeal

PHOTOS The Supreme Court of Canada will not let a group of Alberta Hutterites re-argue their case against photo driver's licences.

The high court gives no reasons for refusing the appeal, but such a second chance is rarely granted.

The Hutterites went to court after the province required in 2003 that all licence holders be photographed for a provincial facial-recognition databank.

They said the requirement violated their religious beliefs and their rights under the charter.

The high court agreed that the requirement is an infringement, but said it's a reasonable one and thus is allowed.

The religious group then sought permission to re-argue the case.

The province tried to accommodate the Hutterites, offering to leave the photo off the licence itself, while requiring a picture for the databank.

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Conference prepares responders for worst

TERRORISM Calgary responders learned firsthand what to do if a terrorist attack were to occur in the city during the annual CollaBoRation 2009 conference on counter-terrorism this week. The conference is being held in Calgary until today, and covers topics ranging from al-Qaida to protestors. **METRO CALGARY**

Alleged tot killer to be tried as adult

The Supreme Court of Canada is refusing to hear an appeal launched by a Quebec man who was fighting to be tried as a minor. Brandon Pardi is charged with hitting and killing three-year-old Bianca Leduc in 2007. Pardi turned 18 on the same day he allegedly committed the offence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

MacKay denies seeing torture warnings

Defence Minister Peter MacKay says he never saw reports by a Canadian diplomat warning of possible torture in Afghan prisons. It was revealed this week that two reports in early 2006 warned the federal government that prisoners turned over by Canadian troops were likely being tortured. The documents were circulated widely throughout the Foreign Affairs and Defence departments and were also shared with senior military commanders in Ottawa and Afghanistan, said an affidavit filed with a military watchdog agency. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

First Nation to install billboards

OLYMPICS Billboards are banned in Vancouver, but they will be lighting up several bridges and highways just in time for the Olympics.

The Squamish First Nation has approved a proposal to install digital billboards on its lands in Vancouver, West Vancouver, North Vancouver District and Squamish — land that is exempt from municipal restrictions on billboard advertising.

The three-metre high by nine-metre wide billboards feature LED lighting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. Beach girls

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Ruth Sadler, left, her daughter Cindy, second from right, and Cindy's children Shara, Danielle, and Maria are shown in a family handout photo. Sadler, 72, whose family played a key role in B.C.'s early surfing community, will carry the Olympic Torch along a section of Long Beach on Nov. 1.

News in brief

BEATING Officials at the University of Western Ontario in this southwestern Ontario city are defending the violent arrest of a student captured on a video circulating on YouTube. The video shows the student being held down in a campus building on Wednesday and pummelled by at least five campus and city police officers.

WWF REPORT A new report warns that Canada's rivers are at risk and some are even close to drying up due to the effects of climate change and growing demand for water and energy. The WWF-Canada report looks at the health of 10 major rivers from the perspective of water flow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper says no to expanded info laws

'We can do better', says federal privacy official

The Harper government has quietly nixed recommendations to expand and modernize Canada's access-to-information and privacy laws.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson's rejection of reforms to the 26-year-old laws sparked accusations Thursday that the Tories have reneged on campaign promises to bring openness and transparency to the federal government.

"The access system now does not work," said Michel Drapeau, a lawyer and a leading expert on accessing government documents.

"They appear to like it this way."

Nicholson's rejection was also greeted with disappointment by privacy experts, who warned that Canada's outdated Privacy Act does not cover modern technologies, such as surveillance cameras and DNA samples collected from suspects.

Nor does it give the privacy commissioner any recourse to the courts when the government inappropriately discloses personal information, no matter how serious the breach.

"We're very disappointed, actually," said Chantal Bernier, Canada's assistant privacy commissioner. "While we agree with the minister that privacy is well protected in Canada, we feel we can do better." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories lead polls

- The federal Conservatives still hold a healthy lead over the Liberals, but remain well shy of majority territory, a new poll suggests.

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Infamous Polish death camp launches Facebook page

The memorial museum at Auschwitz has launched a Facebook page, hoping that the popular social networking site will help it reach young people around the globe and engage them in discussions about the former Nazi death camp and the Holocaust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Well-heeled can buy gold with clothes

Glittering bait for the well-heeled shopper: Harrods department store has added gold bars to its merchandise line. The upmarket London store announced Thursday that it has joined with Swiss refiner Produits Artistiques Metaux Precieux to offer gold bars weighing 12.5 kilograms. The move comes as gold prices have been going through the roof. Based on Thursday's gold fixing price in New York, a gold bar would cost about $462,440 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nobel panel argued over Obama: Paper

PEACE Most members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee initially argued against awarding the 2009 Peace Prize to President Barack Obama before agreeing to the choice, Norweigan daily Verdens Gang said on Thursday. The paper said three of five members had objections during the early phases of the process, but were persuaded in favor of Obama mainly by the chairman of the committee, former Prime Minister Thorbjoern Jagland. It cited anonymous sources for a rare leak of the committee's work, meant to be kept secret for 50 years. Committee members are appointed by Norway's parliament but are meant to act independently. Obama was awarded the prestigious prize on Oct. 9 REUTERS

Italy denies Taliban bribes

Italy and NATO on Thursday denied a newspaper report that Italian intelligence secretly paid the Taliban thousands of dollars to keep the peace in an Afghan area under Italian control.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's office called the report in the Times of London "completely groundless." The Italian defence minister denounced it as "rubbish" and said he wanted to sue the newspaper.

In Kabul, a U.S. spokesman for NATO forces in Afghanistan denied the allegations. "We don't do bribes," Col. Wayne Shanks said. "We don't pay the insurgents."

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"The article has unnamed sources, innuendo and hyperbole," Shanks said. "We see no evidence of any of the accusations."

The Times reported that Italy had paid "tens of thousands of dollars" to Taliban commanders and warlords in the Surobi district, east of the capital, Kabul. The newspaper cited Western military officials, including high-ranking officers at NATO, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It accused Rome of failing to inform its allies about the payments and of misleading the French, who took over the Surobi district in mid-2008, thinking the area was quiet and safe. Shortly afterward, French troops were hit with an ambush that killed 10 soldiers and had significant political repercussions back in Paris.

French Defence Ministry spokesman Christophe Prazuck said he had "no information to confirm what has been written in the Times" and stressed that allied troops share information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepal Go shorty, it's your birthday

BHARAT KOIRALA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepal's shortest man Khagendra Thapa Magar, middle, plays a guitar as he celebrates his 18th birthday Wednesday. Magar, who is 50 centimetres tall and weighs 10 pounds, has applied to Guinness World Records to be named the world's shortest man.

News in brief

MEXICO Some Mexico City cops are taking a bite out of more than crime. The Mexican capital is putting its 1,300 of its heaviest police officers on a diet, concerned about rapidly expanding waistlines in the force. At least 70 per cent of the 70,000-member force is overweight, said Nora Frias, the city's Public Safety deputy secretary.

PAKISTAN Islamist militants launched co-ordinated assaults on three police compounds in Pakistan's second largest city Thursday, the latest in a wave of attacks by insurgents. At least 19 people were killed in the Lahore attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Literal pot-head nabbed: Police
Pennsylvania police say they caught a 29-year-old man inside a convenience store with a bag of marijuana stuck to his forehead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China backs Iran

Premier Wen Jiabao said Thursday that China intends to strengthen its co-operation with Iran, an indication Beijing would oppose growing calls in the West for additional sanctions against the Islamic regime for its nuclear program.

Wen's remarks Thursday appeared to suggest that Beijing is also unlikely to accept any new UN sanctions resolution. China and Russia are both veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council and have long defended Tehran by watering down resolutions.

Wen made his remarks during a meeting with Iran's visiting First Vice-President Mohammad Reza Rahimi, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said. Rahimi was in Beijing to attend a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional security grouping that includes China, Russia and four central Asian nations.

Wen said China was committed to promoting the peaceful settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue and playing a constructive role in the process, Ma said.

However, he gave no further details on what role China would play.

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Suspicion

- Earlier this month, Tehran revealed that it was operating a previously undisclosed uranium enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom, deepening suspicions in Europe and the U.S. that Tehran seeks atomic weapons.

Smoking bans work: Report

HEALTH A major U.S. report confirms what health officials long have believed — Bans on smoking in restaurants, bars and other gathering spots reduce the risk of heart attacks among nonsmokers.

"If you have heart disease, you really need to stay away from secondhand smoke. It's an immediate threat to your life," said Dr. Neal Benowitz, who co-wrote Thursday's report from the prestigious Institute of Medicine.

Among the report's conclusions: While heavier exposure to secondhand smoke is worse, there is no safe level. It also cited evidence that even less than an hour's exposure might be enough to push someone already at risk of a heart attack over the edge.

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News in brief

ABUSE A woman with bipolar disorder "forfeited" her right to be a mother when she served her children drugged hot chocolate before setting the house on fire, a judge said Thursday as he sentenced her to six to 20 years in prison.

CARAMBA! A new survey says Mexican adults curse an average of 20 times a day, serving up about 1.3 billion swear words daily.

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Comment

Making an impact on communities

Al Hatton

With the passing of Thanksgiving, Canadians are unofficially entering the holiday season. Even with the economic downturn that struck last year, an Ipsos Reid poll found that eight in 10 Canadians maintained or increased charitable giving last Christmas. Even with this much-needed and appreciated generosity, the fact remains that poverty and its aggravating or consequent social problems remain a reality in Canada all year long.

According to the Canadian Council on Social Development, 3.4 million Canadians (11.2 per cent of the population) were living in poverty in 2004. Poverty rates were highest among children and youth under the age of 18.

While in a time of economic crisis, it is critical to continue to support those agencies and centres assisting those most in need. Leading academics, policy-makers, and front-line workers recognize the need for both fulfilling immediate needs of those in poverty and creating long-term solutions to alleviate poverty. It is the combination of both approaches that will lead to stronger, healthier communities and, therefore, a greater quality of life for all Canadians.

Eradicating Poverty

In advance of the holiday season there is the annual United Way-Centraide campaign (UW-C), run by the 118 United Ways-Centraides (UWs-Cs) across Canada. Next to governments, United Way-Centraide is the largest funder of social services in the country. Collectively, UWs-Cs raised upwards of $480 million last year to be reinvested in their communities.

The high-profile UW-C campaigns fulfil needs that otherwise would not be met. However, for the past few years, UWs-Cs have also been tackling the more challenging problem of reducing poverty.

That's why UW-C now focuses energy and resources to creating "community impact." Community impact is about achieving meaningful, long-term improvements to quality of life in Canadian communities. It's about making fundamental changes to community conditions.

UW-C understands how connected and interdependent we all are. Everyone wins when a child is nourished, when families are financially independent, and when all people have opportunities to live a good life. With each life that improves, everyone is strengthened — communities are stronger.

Al Hatton is president and chief executive officer of United Way of Canada — Centraide Canada.

Views

End homelessness one person at a time

UrbanCompass

Shawn Logan

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They say home is where the heart is. But for Calgary's estimated 4,500 homeless, the audacious idea of having each one of them come in from the cold under a roof of their own is the domain of those with big hearts.

Nineteen months after the Calgary Homeless Foundation launched the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, the goal hasn't changed, even as the economy has led to another increase in the number of people sleeping on Calgary's streets.

The idea itself immediately sparks skepticism, evoking an age-old assertion that many "choose" the homeless lifestyle.

"I think it's nonsense," said Tim Richter, president of the Calgary Homeless Foundation. "I think if you are in deep, deep poverty and your choices are sleeping in an alley or sleeping in some kind of shelter, what choice is that really?"

The recession left its mark on Calgary's streets with officials estimating the number of homeless soaring by 13 per cent over the summer.

Richter admits the second year of the plan has been sailing into "a bit of a headwind," as the job market has dried up and many who were on the verge of becoming homeless are now living on the streets.

Despite that, the plan is ahead of many of its housing targets and the foundation hopes to have 891 low-income units filled by Christmas.

The idea of eliminating homelessness is relatively simple. Provide not only the bricks and mortar, but also the social supports needed to deal with addiction, mental illness and other pitfalls that have made it a challenge to provide permanent housing.

But along with heart comes a healthy dose of hope.

"I don't know if anybody has completely eradicated homelessness," Richter said.

"But London, England, started working on a plan in the mid-'90s and they haven't managed to do it, but they've made very good progress — there will be more people sleeping outside tonight in Calgary than in London.

"An end to homelessness will happen one person at a time and we can do it here."

Shawn Logan is a veteran municipal affairs reporter who covered Calgary city hall for three years after working at a number of publications in southern Alberta.

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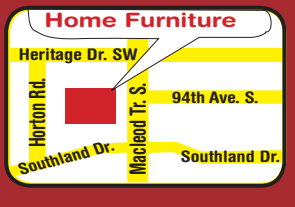

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Canwest receives notice of Nov. 13 delisting from TSX

TRADING Canwest Global Communications Corp. announced Thursday it had received notice of delisting from the Toronto Stock Exchange effective at market close Nov. 13.

Trading in Canwest shares, which sit at 23.5 cents, is to remain suspended. The stock was halted Oct. 5 when Canwest filed for creditor protection under a mountain of debt. The company made its first court appearance Wednesday, where it received approval for a timetable that would see its restructuring completed by the end of January.

Canwest spokesman John Douglas downplayed the news, suggesting that the conglomerate has several alternative options, which include appealing the delisting, as well as listing on another stock exchange. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A tale of two economies

Canadian exports stagger as domestic housing market booms

New reports show Canada is a tale of two economies: while the housing sector appears to be booming, manufacturing continues to lag.

The Canadian Real Estate Association says sales of existing homes during the third quarter were among the strongest on record.

National home resales through the Multiple Listing Service owned by Canada's realtors totalled 135,182 in the third quarter of 2009, up 18 per cent from a year earlier and the most of any third quarter on record.

It was also the biggest year-over-year gain since early 2002 — another sign Canada's housing market is returning to health.

The seasonally adjusted tally was 127,941 homes resold, up 12 per cent from the second quarter and 48 per cent higher than the fourth quarter of 2008.

But it's a different story for the export-oriented manufacturing sector, where Statistics Canada says factory shipments fell 2.1 per cent in August as the activity from the U.S. cash-for-clunkers program subsided.

And the outlook for Canada's shrinking export sector is getting darker with the loonie's recent surge and forecasts that the American consumer is likely to remain on the sidelines for some time to come. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Montreal **Air Canada gets smart**

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Patrice Ouellette, director of customer service platforms for Air Canada, shows the airline's newly released application for mobile phones at a news conference in Montreal Thursday. The app will allow customers to access and book flights as well as check-in with their smartphones.

Airport traffic will remain slow into 2010: DBRS

TRAVEL Canadian airports face a slow recovery from the significant erosion of passenger traffic caused by the recession.

So says the DBRS ratings service, which expects sluggish air travel conditions well into 2010.

It says Canada's airports have seen their business drop over the last 12 months, though the losses have been less severe than in past recessions. Declines have also eased in the latest monthly traffic results.

Traffic was down five to seven per cent as of the summer at most Canadian airports, with the exception of Vancouver, where the situation was worse. Canada's second-busiest airport saw its volumes drop by 11.6 per cent as of August because of sharp drops in business from peaks in 2008.

Airport authorities are forecasting that traffic will decrease by four to nine per cent in 2009, with a modest rebound in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

WIRELESS British telecom giant Vodafone and Research in Motion launched the new version of RIM's Storm2 smartphone in European countries and South Africa on Thursday. The phone will be offered by Vodafone in Britain, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, and would be available in France, Italy and South Africa in time for Christmas.

PENSION Canada's pension system has been ranked fourth out of 11 countries on an index based on their adequacy, sustainability and integrity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pastrana to test car jump record

For his latest stunt, Travis Pastrana will be going over the water, not into it. The freestyle motocross star and rally car champion will attempt to break the world record for the longest jump in a car when he jumps from the Pine Street Pier in Long Beach, Calif., onto a barge anchored in the harbour on New Year's Eve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Pujols non-committal

Slugger Albert Pujols, left, says the St. Louis Cardinals are interested in extending his contract during the winter. Pujols told a Dominican radio station Wednesday that he is in no rush to make a decision. He still has a year left on his contract for 2010 and a club option for 2011. He is in the running to be named the National League's most valuable player. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Flames' lines shuffled

NHL PREVIEW

Vancouver at Calgary

The Calgary Flames will have a different look Friday night.

Hoping to halt the Flames' three-game losing streak, coach Brent Sutter shuffled his lines at Thursday's practice in preparation for Friday's showdown with the Vancouver Canucks at the Pengrowth Saddledome.

While Jarome Iginla moved onto a line with Craig Conroy and Curtis Glencross, Olli Jokinen played centre between wingers Eric Nystrom and Fredrik Sjostrom.

"Things change," Conroy said. "It might be a game, it might be a period, it might be a shift. You don't know what's going to happen. You just want to get some rhythm and some flow."

While Conroy always enjoys getting the chance to play on a line with Iginla, the veteran forward realizes that the trio will have to perform in order to remain together.

If Thursday's practice is any indication, Daymond Langkow will play centre between Rene Bourque and Nigel Dawes against the Canucks (2-3-1), while Dustin Boyd, Brandon Prust and Brian McGrattan will make up the fourth line.

By switching things up, Sutter is attempting to find a way to get the most out of all of his players.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

WORLD CUP FIFA president Sepp Blatter has reportedly told Vladimir Putin that Russia has a "good chance" of winning the hosting rights to the 2018 or 2022 World Cup. Russian news agencies say Blatter met with the prime minister in Moscow Thursday, and praised Russia's bid.

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NLCS Caught in a rundown

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Los Angeles shortstop Rafael Furcal catches Philadelphia's Shane Victorino in a rundown Thursday night while he was trying to steal second during the first inning of the Phillies' 8-6 win in Game 1 of the National League championship series. **For a complete recap and up-to-date information on the MLB playoffs, visit metronews.ca/sports**

The Legend of The Herminator

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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To see him cry at his retirement was startling. Hermann Maier, the indestructible force of downhill skiing, is human after all.

Here was a man who had come to define his sport. As a teenager he was told he was too scrawny to make the powerful Austrian team, so he retreated to his hometown of Flachau to work as a bricklayer in the summer and a ski instructor in the winter.

"His was to be the best ski racer on the planet." Todd Broker, Canadian skier

He emerged to conquer the alpine world.

In all, Maier claimed 54 World Cup victories, four overall World Cup titles, four Olympic medals, and three world championships.

Not bad for a castoff.

Maier even survived a 2001 motorcycle crash where he nearly lost his life to win at Kitzbuhel again. It was the kind of victory that defied comprehension. Kitzbuhel has destroyed the dreams of the most physically sound skiers — much less those who have had their lives reconstructed as Maier had.

"I would argue that it is the biggest comeback to glory of any athlete ever," Todd Brooker noted. Brooker, one of the Crazy Canucks of the late 1970s and '80s, also won at Kitzbuhel and suffered its devastation when a horrific crash there hastened his retirement.

"No one could ever say that Maier didn't give it everything he had," Brooker continued. "He has been an example of steadfast determination to achieve a lifetime goal. His was to be the best ski racer on the planet."

Alpine Canada's chief athletics officer, Max Gartner, is in agreement. Gartner who is Austrian born, first pointed to Maier as someone for Canadians to watch in 1996, the year The Herminator roared onto the scene and started piling up wins as a 23-year-old.

"His focus on every little detail was unprecedented," Gartner said. "He showed that almost anything can be overcome and his legacy is that he moved the sport to a new level."

To watch Maier compete was to understand that no race was over until he had descended the mountain and delivered his patented aggressive attack. The other athletes all understood that he alone set the standard.

For those Canadians of a certain generation, meeting Maier was akin to encountering Jean Beliveau or Bobby Orr.

You just knew The Herminator was a living legend. There was no one else quite like him.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Face off

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Wild Things a beautifully messy film about childhood.

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Two Hours Traffic lets the songs speak for themselves.

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Swift's mind blown when offered SNL hosting gig.

"Patricia Clarkson and Alexander Siddig bring untold layers of emotion!"
- Richard Ouzounian, THE TORONTO STAR

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"A must-see!"
- Liz Braun, THE TORONTO SUN

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Gerard Butler seeks revenge for the death of his family in Law Abiding Citizen.

Average Citizen

Law Abiding Citizen
Director: F. Gary Gray
Stars: Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Viola Davis
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

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PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Law Abiding Citizen is an efficient, high-concept thriller that hits enough of the right notes to entertain, but doesn't quite work as well as it should.

The screenplay is filled with twists, but unfortunately most of them are obvious. The suspense sequences are well crafted, but don't really offer anything new.

It's an easy way to kill a few hours, just don't expect to be raving about a new genre classic when it is over.

This is a fast food kind of movie. It goes down smooth, but offers nothing substantial afterwards beyond an icky aftertaste.

Jamie Foxx and Gerard Butler face off as a career-focused attorney and criminal mastermind respectively. Bulter's wife and child are murdered in the opening scene and Foxx's lawyer strikes up a plea bargain with one of the lowlifes responsible to further his career.

Ten years later Butler launches an insanely complicated revenge plot that sees nearly everyone involved with the case have their life threatened while Butler is locked up in prison and seemingly powerless.

The premise isn't bad, it just stretches believability pretty far and holds few surprises.

Foxx and Butler are superstars of the moment and do a decent job with their roles, but never get a chance to stretch beyond playing established character types.

This was most likely a paycheck movie for both, but at least neither of them phoned in their performance.

Director F. Gary Grey knows how to use the camera and stages a few eye-popping set pieces tailor made for MTV-raised audiences, but the movie never gels as a whole.

Unfortunately none of the talent involved can raise the material above the clichéd screenplay, nor does it even feel like a decent B-movie.

Law Abiding Citizen is neither surprisingly good nor disappointingly bad; it's just thoroughly mediocre.

Jonze's Wild thing of beauty

Where The Wild Things Are
Director: Spike Jonze
Stars: Catherine Keener, Max Records
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●½

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REVIEW Adapting a much-beloved children's book into a feature film is no small task, especially when that book contains only 10 sentences.

In Spike Jonze's Where the Wild Things Are, the bare-bones story — recalcitrant Max (Max Records) is sent to his room by his exhausted mother (Catherine Keener), only to escape to a fantasy realm filled with massive, unpredictable creatures who crown him their king — is still there.

But there's much more in the film. The fact that the line between fantasy and reality is so blurred is key in transporting the audience along with Max. Because to him this is all very real, and it should be to us as well. The textures and visuals are rendered with striking clarity, thanks to some impressive scenic design and camera-work. It doesn't hurt that the cast voicing the looming, lurching wild things is top-notch, including James Gandolfini, Catherine O'Hara, Chris Cooper, Lauren Ambrose and Forest Whitaker.

But the movie rests on the slight shoulders of newcomer Records. It's a lot to ask of a kid, but Records is a natural, channeling Jonze's vision beautifully.

Of course, the downside to adapting such a famous work is that everyone coming in has their own expectations and attachments to the story. As the filmmakers have made clear, this isn't a children's movie. It's a movie about childhood. And childhood is messy.

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Cairo modest romance

Cairo Time
Director: Ruba Nadda
Stars: Patricia Clarkson, Alexander Siddig
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Patricia Clarkson and Alexander Siddig star in Cairo Time.

Winner of the Best Canadian Feature prize at TIFF, Ruba Nadda's Cairo Time is being hyped to the moon as this fall's homegrown theatrical hit, but please don't hold that against it.

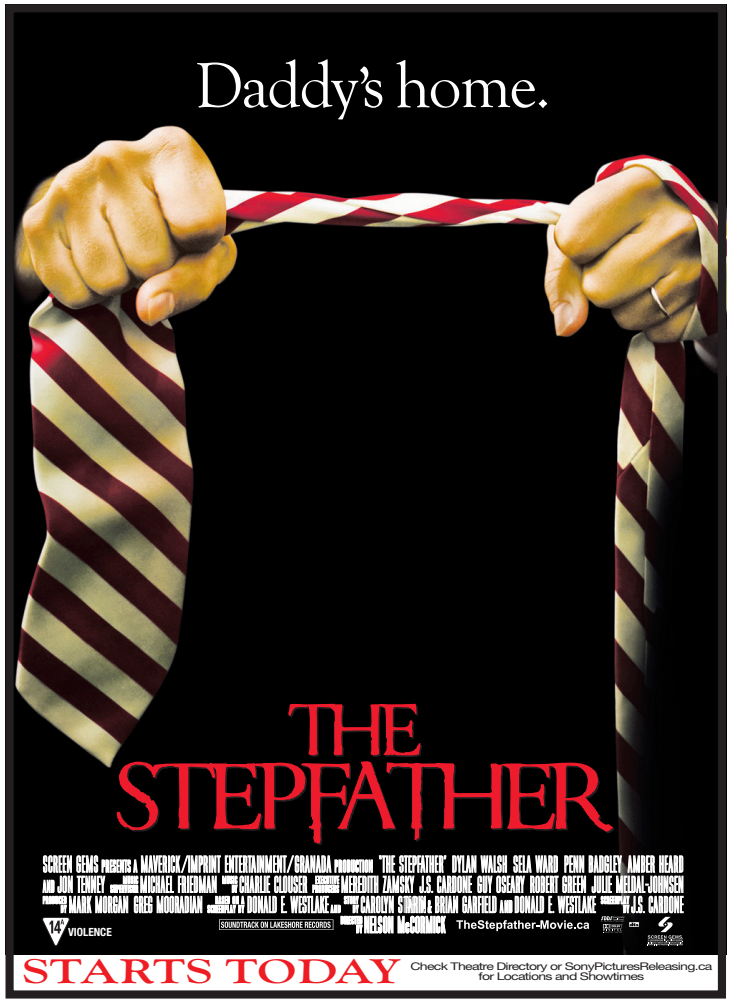
There's nothing nearly so aggressive in the film, which orbits Juliette, a Canadian magazine editor stranded on vacation in the eponymous Egyptian capital while her husband toils for the United Nations. She's played by Patricia Clarkson, an actress with a knack for inhabiting plausibly intelligent characters: she does an excellent job of modulating Juliette's culture shock without turning her into a naïf.

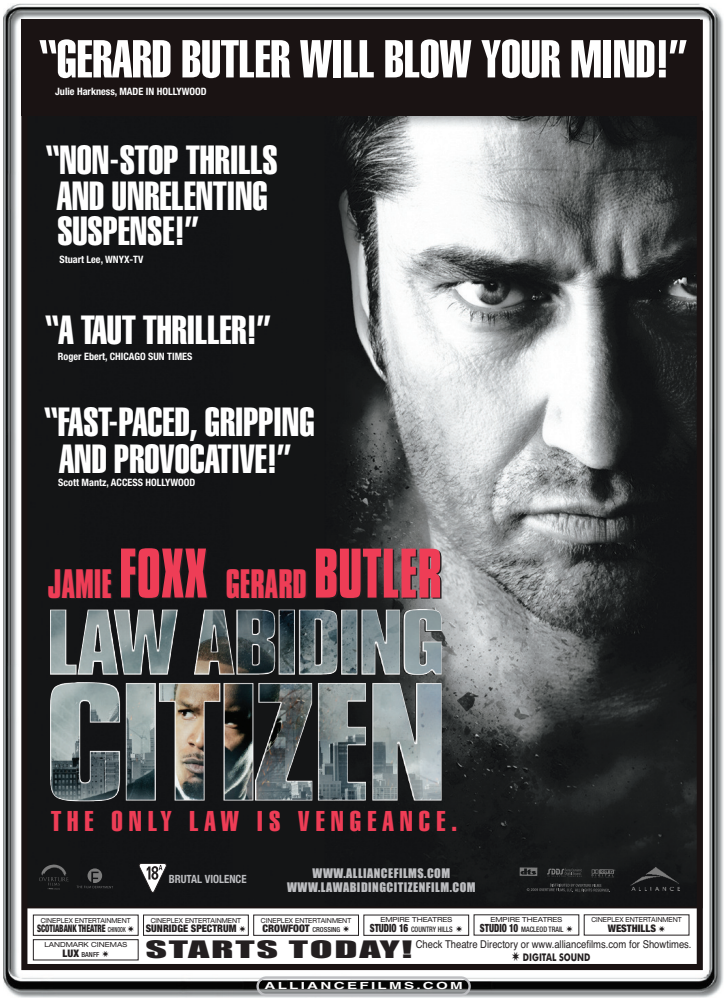
The first movements of Cairo Time are very much a one woman show, but Clarkson eventually gets a worthy screen partner in Alexander Siddig, who plays Tareq, a soulful, slightly doleful coffee house manager who becomes Juliette's escort through the bustling streets and then a possible romantic option as her husband's absence drags on.

The Brief Encounter set-up and evocation of vacation time-melancholy clearly recall Lost in Translation. But while Nadda lacks Sofia Coppola's off-hand visual sophistication, she's also a more mature filmmaker, with no stomach for poor-little-rich-girl affectations.

Clarkson may be playing an outsider, but it's clear that Nadda has a feeling for the city and its rhythms that elides simple exoticism, and ace cinematographer Luc Montpellier locates a textural sweet spot pitched bewitchingly between glittering and gritty.

Perhaps Cairo Time isn't much more than a good-looking, well-acted contemporary romantic drama, but that's fine: Its modesty is becoming.





Favreau producing, not directing, Avengers

Jon Favreau has confirmed that he'll be executive producing The Avengers, Marvel's 2012 superhero team-up, but has flatly discounted rumours that he'll be directing. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Creepy, crazy step-parents

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The Stepfather, a remake of the 1987 cult film, hits theatres today.

A little more than kin," says Hamlet, "and less than kind."

That was Shakespeare's eloquent way of describing his main character's stepfather. Less eloquent is the line from 1987's The Stepfather, "He's just some crazy creep! He's not my father," but you get the idea; replacement parents have not been treated well by pop culture.

That trend continues this weekend with The Stepfather, a remake of the underrated 1987 gem that launched Lost star Terry O'Quinn to cult celebrity. Playing a psychotic man determined to find the perfect family he's kind of a talented Mr. Ripley type but his flair is for marrying widows and offing them when he discovers any crack in his new family's flawless facade.

This movie spawned two sequels with diminishing results. The first follow-up, titled Stepfather II: Make Room for Daddy, was released in theatres, a third sequel, however, bypassed theatres and went straight to television leading Variety to joke, "if there's a fourth issue, it'll be a home movie."

Similar in theme to The Stepfather, but way more sinister is The Night of the Hunter. Heavy-lidded tough guy actor Robert Mitchum is Harry Powell, a preacher with a complicated relationship with God. He's also a grifter and killer who marries the widow of a man who hid $10,000 inside of one of his daughter's dolls. Powell will stop at nothing to find that money, including terrorizing his new step kids.

Roger Ebert loves the movie, calling Powell one of Hollywood's most unforgettable villains. And how. With the words LOVE and HATE tattooed on his knuckles and an unforgiving attitude toward sin, he is unpredictable and chilling.

Stepfathers have had their share of screen time but stepmothers haven't been ignored. In the imaginatively titled The Stepmother, a woman is forced to seduce her new husband's son as part of a blackmail plot.

Stepmom from outer space Kim Basinger tries to fit in on earth in My Stepmother is an Alien despite making fifty-course breakfasts and shrinking a hundred dollar bill to miniature size when a shopkeeper asks if she has anything smaller.

On film, it seems, stepparents come in all shapes, sizes and even from different planets.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

A genuine creepfest

Paranormal Activity

Director: Oren Peli
Stars: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Mark Fredrichs
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Every few years a low budget horror movie comes along to remind us the joys of being scared in the dark. Since the genre depends on surprising audiences, smaller films tend to work better since they are unknown entities that could go anywhere.

The Blair Witch Project was the ultimate example, and now, 10 years later, Paranormal Activity offers a similar experience. Shot in a week for around $10,000, the movie represents DIY filmmaking at it's finest.

There are no big set pieces, expensive special effects or movie stars in peril. Just a pair of talented actors and an identifiable concept designed to get under your skin and make you sleep with a nightlight.

Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat star as a young couple convinced that their house is haunted.

They buy a camera and start filming the house and the entire movie plays as their supposed found footage.

At first the supernatural occurrences are merely strange noises or doors moving by themselves (the type of thing that makes everyone think their house is haunted when sleep deprived). Gradually this worsens and it becomes clear that the haunting is real. This movie is all about tension.

The camera will sit stationary for 30 seconds with nothing happening just to make sudden spooks feel unexpected.

Audiences looking for instant gratification will be disappointed, but anyone who loves suspense and tension should worry about peeing their pants.

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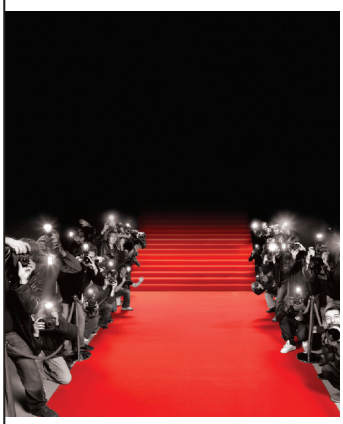

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617-8 Avenue, 403-262-3308

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MOVIEDOME
1039 999 36 St. N.E., 403-248-2000

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PLAZA THEATRE
1133 Kensington Rd. N.W., 403-283-3636

H2Oil (STC) Sat-Sun 12:20
Lorna's Silence (14A) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat 2-7:10-9:30 Sun 2-4:10-9:30 Mon 7:10-9:30 Tue 9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Pray the Devil Back to Hell (STC) Tue 7
Rock Climbing Film Fest (STC) Sun 6:30

SUNRIDGE SPECTRUM
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612 8th Ave. S.W., 403-265-0120

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Contrast (STC) Sat 6:30-9:30
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Everyday is a Saturday (14A) Sat
Eyes Wide Open (STC) Fri 6:30-9:30
In Deep (STC) Fri
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4:25-6:50 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:25-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:50
Pretty Good (14A) Sat 1
Refresh (STC) Sat
Transitions (STC) Sat 3:30

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Music

Reunions give rock acts a second shot

SoundCheck

"If you can stand being together with the old crew for just a few more months, maybe you can enjoy that spotlight one more time."

There are four reasons for your band to reunite: (1) The post-break-up projects aren't working out; (2) a lack of portable skills has left you with a job at the drive-thru; (3) you discover that rock 'n' roll doesn't come with a pension plan; and (4) promoters are are offering to throw boatloads of money at you. If you can stand being together with the old crew for just a few more months, maybe you can enjoy that spotlight one more time.

With that in mind, here's an update on the reunions we've seen this year.

Blink 182: Hugely successful but marred by the death of DJ AM, the only other person to survive last fall's plan crash with drummer Travis Barker. The last show was last weekend. Now what?

Blur: All over, apparently. After playing a series of ultra high-profile gigs, they've all gone their separate ways to count their money.

Don't expect any more shows or any new music. Bass player Alex James is making royal cheese for Prince Charles. No, really, he is.

Cranberries: The day singer Dolores O'Riordan released her second solo album, it was announced that the original line-up was coming back together for a tour and possibly an album. Things start in Baltimore on Nov. 12.

Creed: Singer Scott Stapp told me that he needed to right some wrongs dating back to 2002-04, including a show in Chicago that was so bad fans actually filed a class-action lawsuit. A new album called Full Circle will be in stores on Oct. 27. The first single, "Overcome," actually did much better than most might have expected.

Faith No More: Only Europe has had a chance to see FNM since they got back together in February and the reviews have been rapturous. Why won't they play North America?

Jane's Addiction: Before they embarked on a very successful roadtrip with NIN, we were promised a new album featuring the original line-up. So where is this album?

Public Image Ltd: Okay, so it's only Johnny Lydon (ne Rotten). Only a handful of British shows have been announced.

Stone Temple Pilots: They've held it together more than 18 months now. Can they survive the Canadian tour that starts in Victoria on Nov. 7?

Suede: Not officially announced yet, but singer Bret Anderson has said publicly that he's open to it.

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Territory is the followup to Two Hours Traffic's Polaris Music Prize-nominated album Little Jabs.

New musical Territory

Two Hours Traffic displays growing confidence on new disc

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Two Hours Traffic's new album is a yin/yang interpretation of the power-pop they love.

The yin of the Charlottetown four-piece's breakthrough disc, 2007's Little Jabs (a Polaris Music Prize nominee) is reflected in Territory's eponymous title track. Fans of the band's older work will warm to layered guitars and sing-along breakdowns.

The yang comes one track earlier. Wicked Side recalls Spoon's focus on arrangement and tone. Built around a double-tracked bass line and "dancey" drums, the track chugs in a continuous groove more like New Order than the New Pornographers. A Wurlitzer organ roars the song's dynamism, while guitar gently churns underneath.

"(With that song) we wanted to signal to everyone we're doing different things," said singer-guitarist Liam Corcoran. "It took a while for us to become confident enough to just keep it to a bass and drum groove. We thought the song sounds cool with all that space, and so decided to leave it as is — that we don't need four guitars."

"We didn't want to use every sound we could, but rather let the song speak for itself, and not gloss it up with too many overdubs." Liam Corcoran

Two Hours Traffic has always worked at distilling pop to its base elements: a creative direction partly attributed to undergraduate studies in chemistry and partly to a love of Nick Lowe sparked by their mentor Joel Plaskett (who produced both Little Jabs and Territory). But like many young bands, this fledgling focus on craft was hidden under heavy effects.

"When you first get into the studio, it's easy to stack guitars on one another: To loop the guitars and just blast people away," explained Corcoran. "That comes with a lack of confidence. But that's not happening this time. We didn't want to use every sound we could, but rather let the song speak for itself, and not gloss it up with too many overdubs."

The band's growing confidence is also reflected in the new album's lyrics. Much of the material comes out of deep conversations held on tour. Cross-country bus rides, shifting landscapes and late nights away from friends and family can lead to ruminations on loss and spirituality — subjects reflected on tracks like Sing a Little Hymn and Lost Boys.

"After playing Little Jabs songs over and over again, we felt we had already done enough sweet, pretty songs about young love," said Corcoran. "(I think) it's harder to stand in front of people and sing darker songs; to dig a little deeper ... We're kind of hovering between the two worlds ... (and) at times, you start to wonder if maybe you should be settling down."

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Emmy Award-winning choreographer Mia Michaels has quit FOX's So You Think You Can Dance. "I am officially an adoring fan of SYTYCD ... Thank U for 5 wonderful yrs," Michaels, 43, Twittered Wednesday night. USMAGAZINE.COM

Costumes key at Cirque du Soleil

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

Even with 120 insect-inspired costumes to chose from, Steve Armstrong, the Head of Wardrobe for OVO, the Cirque du Soleil show currently playing in Toronto, doesn't hesitate when asked to name his favourite.

"I'll tell you, even though it's the one we worked the most on, it would be the crickets," says Armstrong, 32, perched in an office chair pulling a needle and thread through layers of bright green fabric. "It's not because of the colour or anything but the actual conception of the thing."

The costumes themselves are a brilliant triumph of teamwork, artistry and engineering, crafted out of stainless steel, ball joints, plane-grade aluminum, bolts, neoprene, foam, Lycra, nylon and Mytex, a shiny material used to make downhill skiers' unitards aerodynamic.

The first prototype took 75 hours to construct but it took two months of on-stage trials before coming up with the final design that would withstand the continual tumbling and jumping required by the 10 trampolining cricket characters that wear them in every show.

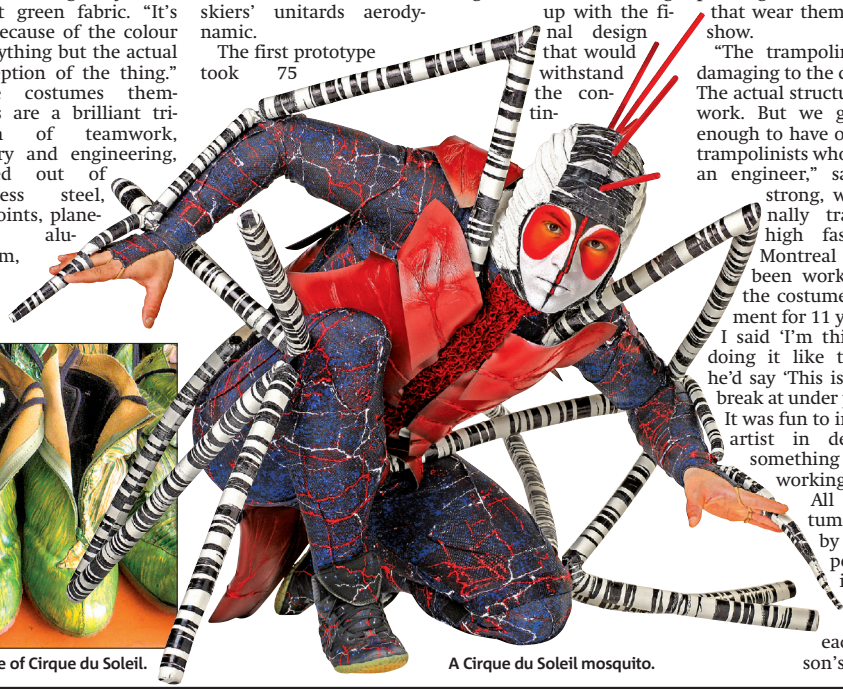
"The trampolines were damaging to the costumes. The actual structure didn't work. But we got lucky enough to have one of the trampolinists who was also an engineer," says Armstrong, who originally trained in high fashion in Montreal and has been working with the costumes department for 11 years. "So, I said 'I'm thinking of doing it like this', and he'd say 'This is going to break at under pressure.' It was fun to involve an artist in developing something they'll be working in."

All the costumes worn by the 53 performing artists are made to each person's specific measurements at the Cirque's head office in Montreal and are maintained by Armstrong's six-person team in their small workshop in the main tent.

And keep in mind, crickets aren't the only things at OVO that are green:

- They use 100 per cent biodegradable detergent to wash the 100 to 250 costumes every day.
- Once the show ends, one full set of each costume is archived and the rest are sent to recycling factories where they are reused in a number of different products, including carpeting.
- The vast majority of fabrics used are from Ontario and Quebec.
- Armstrong's team uses pedal-powered sewing machines on location for leather repairs; these machines allow them more control over the needle while saving energy.

The shoes of the intricate cricket costume of Cirque du Soleil.



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Television

Sense of humour key to a Swift recovery

Taylor Swift hosts SNL Nov. 7.

Taylor Swift will have the stage to herself next month — with no interruptions — when she hosts Saturday Night Live.

The only question is: who will play Kanye West?

Last month, West hijacked Swift's acceptance speech after she became the first country star to win best female video at the MTV Video Music Awards. West grabbed the mike and declared that Beyoncé's nominated video for Single Ladies was "one of the best videos of all time."

"I've been thinking about skit ideas for a long time," said 19-year-old Swift. "There are definitely some hilarious things that have happened to me over the past couple of months."

Swift called the chance to host SNL on Nov. 7 "mind-blowing," and said it's been difficult to keep it a secret since producers asked her during the summer. She said she loved being a musical guest on the show in January, and will perform again when she hosts.

Swift joins a group of artists who have done double duty on the show, including Justin Timberlake, Sting and Janet Jackson.

Like Timberlake, Swift hopes to work with cast member Andy Samberg on a digital short music video.

In addition to SNL, Swift is keeping busy since finishing the first leg of her Fearless tour last weekend. She will perform on Dancing With the Stars on Oct. 27.

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	245	306	6 CBRT	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	*Ice Age* ★★★ (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano.				NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News Hour
	246	-	8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show (N)		Ugly Betty "The Butterfly Effect" (N)				Your City
	-	372	12 KREM	News	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS
	-	374	14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Sammy Davis
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Law & Order (HDTV) (N)		Secrets of the Lost Symbol (N)		Jay Leno Show
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	628	584	43 SPIKE	*Trading Places*	UFC: Silva vs. Irvin (HDTV)						Disorderly Conduct: Video	
	522	516	45 HIST	Go Deep "Subshop"		Battles BC		Cold Blood (N)		Air-Crane!		Underworld
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	246	-	8 CKAL	My RONA Home		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Ted Rogers		The City Show
	-	372	12 KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		NCIS "Caged" (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374	14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	*Thelma & Louise* ★★★ (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis.				
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Mercy (HDTV)		Trauma (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
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	-	374	14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece Mystery! (HDTV) (N)		(DVS)	Queen Family	MI-5
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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

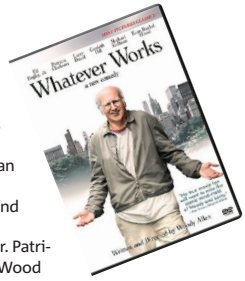
1 Malcolm Gladwell

AUTHOR He has made it to Time Magazine's 100 most influential people list. His three books — Blink, The Tipping Point and Outliers — have sold millions. Now the Canadian writer and pop sociologist has been named the world's second most influential management thinker by the London Business School. Expect more kudos (and cash) when his new book What The Dog Saw – a collection of his New Yorker essays — hits bookstores next week.

2 Where The Wild Things Are

FILM Despite being adapted from a 338-word bedtime favourite, Spike Jonze's version of the Maurice Sendak tale may be the most high-concept foray ever into the kiddie movie genre. We don't how much fun it will actually be for your children but we'll see.

3 Whatever Works



DVD Guess what? The neurotic curmudgeon in the Woody Allen comedy is not Woody Allen. It's Larry David. As you'd expect, the man behind Curb Your Enthusiasm and Seinfeld makes sarcasm and surly behaviour sing in this lightweight but amusing affair. Patricia Clarkson and Evan Rachel Wood get their own share of laughs.

4 Carey Mulligan

ACTRESS If the name doesn't ring a bell, don't worry. You'll hear plenty about this British actress once her film An Education hits theatres this fall. The 24-year-old has been on Oscar watchers' short list for a best-actress slot since the Nick Hornby-penned drama premiered at January's Sundance Film Festival.

5 Google Street View Canada

TECH Voyeur's delight or best mapping tool ever? The jury's still out, but you are kidding yourself if you don't think it's a whole lot of fun. The Google service is now available for 11 Canadian cities — type in an address and you'll be able to see actual images of the street/neighbourhood you are looking for. Visit maps.google.ca/streetview to get started.

6 Dracula: The Un-Dead/Dacre Stoker

BOOK The king of the bloodsucker set is haunting bookstores just in time for Halloween in Dracula: The Un-Dead, a sequel to Bram Stoker's 1897 classic. The new tale, set 25 years after the original, has some extra bite to it as it springs from the same bloodline as Stoker, being co-authored by Dacre Stoker, Bram's Montreal-born great-grandnephew.

7 Embryonic: The Flaming Lips

ALBUM Now that they can sell out arenas, the masters of confetti-rock are back to quirky territory. Their latest release takes a left-turn from the populism of Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots, landing straight on to the scuzzy psychedelia of their '90s output. Despite being 70 minutes long, there's plenty in this double album to keep listeners riveted.

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Entertainment

Garth Brooks is back and in Las Vegas

Country superstar Garth Brooks announced Thursday that he's coming out of retirement with a show in Las Vegas.

Brooks, 47, said at a news conference in Nashville that he will end his retirement with an extended engagement at the Wynn Resort.

The move has been rumoured in the music industry for weeks.

Brooks retired in 2000 to spend more time with his three children. He's occasionally popped up in special appearances at awards shows and charity events, but has mostly stayed out of the limelight.

In an interview with The Associated Press last year, Brooks said he would like to return to the road once he raises his children.

The Recording Industry Association of America honoured Brooks in 2007 with a career award after he passed Elvis Presley to become the top-selling solo artist in U.S. history. At the time, he had sold more than 123 million albums.

Brooks' last studio album, Scarecrow, was released in 2001. His three-disc compilation The Ultimate Hits finished 10th on Billboard's 2008 list of albums and showed Brooks still has the muscle he displayed in the 1990s.

Brooks divorced his wife, Sandy Mahl, in 2001 and married fellow country star Trisha Yearwood in 2005. The couple lives in Oklahoma.

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Belgo Brasserie – 501 8th Ave. SW, Sat. Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

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Swank wants kids

Hilary Swank is looking forward to having kids, and she considers spending time with boyfriend John Campisi's son, Sam, to be good practice. "Sam's a sweetheart," she says, according to Showbiz Spy.. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Eminem denies Madonna

MUSIC COLLABORATIONS

Madonna has had a lot of hip collaborators recently, from Justin Timberlake to Lil Wayne. But there's one artist she had her sights set on who wasn't interested: Eminem. "I wanted to work with him," Madonna admits to Rolling Stone magazine in a new interview.

"But he didn't want to work with me." She also makes it clear to her interviewer that she isn't interested in talking about Brazilian boyfriend Jesus Luz: "Isn't this about music?" she asks when the subject comes up.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Simpson gets apology

A NOT-SO-FUNNY FOUL Call it a definite foul, people.com reports.

After a less-than-sensitive cartoon commercial that mercilessly mocked Jessica Simpson during FOX's NFL Sunday last week, the network and Burger King apologized for the ad.

"Burger King did not have any editorial input in the creation of the animation that ran last Sunday, and no one from Burger King Corp., approved it before it aired," FOX said in a statement. "Upon reflection, our poor attempt at humor was insensitive, and we deeply apologize to anyone who might have been offended."

In the commercial, cartoon versions of the Cowboys ribbed ex-boyfriend Tony Romo for dating her, skewered Simpson, 29, and for her weight gain after their breakup.

"Man, I still can't believe Tony dated Jessica Simpson, even after she blew up bigger than Flozell Adams!" Marion Barber said. "Unlike Tony, at least Jessica comes up big when it counts," Jason Witten responded.

And the cartoon version of coach Wade Phillips adds, "Say Tony, is Jessica around? We could use a defensive tackle!" Romo was not available for comment.

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Celebrity tweets

Heidi Montag gets all domestic, Jeremy Piven isn't a fan of time changes, Kathy Griffin goes looking for fans, and Diablo Cody gets creative about her costume.

• @heidimontag
Today I am going to cook my first home made chicken noodle soup!!! I have so much fun cooking for my hubby!

• @jeremypiven
Leaving the UK after sleeping like I was dug into a fox hole and ready for a US time zone!

• @officialkathyg
Ok, so now that Miley "quit Twitter", y'know, 'cause she's 2 busy n famous n stuff, can I have her TWO million followers. Praise Jesus y'all

• @diablocody
I'm going to go as a respected individual for Halloween.

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Khloe laughs at tabloid news

I DIDN'T DO THAT! Khloe Kardashian says she had a good laugh when she picked up the new issue of Star, which claimed she and Los Angeles Laker Lamar Odom had already split because he refused to give her a massage, us-magazine.com reports.

"I seriously died when I read that! LOL," she writes on her blog. "Star is known for doing evil, fake and RIDICULOUS stories about my family. Remember the cover story, Kardashians At War? Honey, please," she added.

She said Star is "becoming the Enquirer. Next thing you know they'll be saying that Kourtney is giving birth to a cat! LOL. All of their stories are absurd but at least we get a good laugh from their lies."

For the record, Khloe, 25, says married life is "incredible and I've never been so happy. I feel so blessed to have Lamar and I can't wait to spend my life with him"

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Jen & John back on?

ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN It's not the first time Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer have reunited after a split, but the couple are simply "enjoying their friendship," says a source close to the singer. "They've been talking for a while — they're very friendly." Adds another source, "They've remained close," people.com reports.

The duo recently spent a night together late last month at New York City's Bowery Hotel. "Jen was there on the arm of John and they were all very lovey," says an onlooker. "She was in casual clothing as was he, and she seemed very comfortable around his crowd of friends."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Spears is best celeb mom: Poll

AND THE WINNER IS... Despite custody battles with Kevin Federline and being forced to undergo court-appointed parenting counseling, Britney Spears is the best celebrity mom — at least according to the customers of Park, a British savings company. In the poll, Spears beat out Christina Aguilera, Angelina Jolie, Katie Holmes and others.

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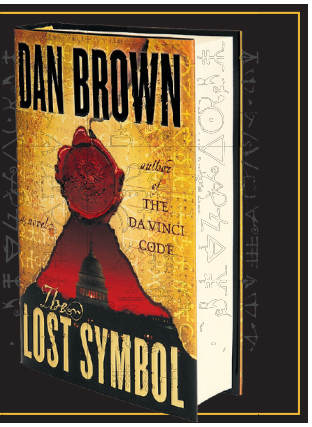

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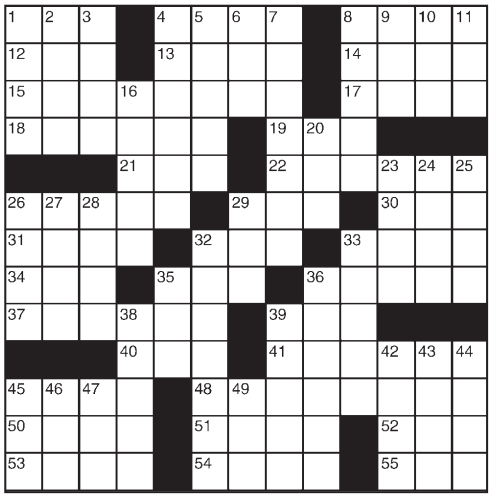

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ACROSS

1 Hasty escape
4 Lend a hand
8 Give up
12 Berlin's "What'll —?"
13 Eye layer
14 Busy with
15 Sarsaparilla concoction
17 Being, to Brutus
18 Aft
19 Puncturing tool
21 Perch
22 Goon
26 De-ices, in a way
29 Visibility hindrance
30 Through
31 Sculpture medium
32 Give the axe
33 Suitably
34 $ dispenser
35 Blend
36 Imposing residence
37 Additionally
39 Succumb to gravity
40 Luau bowlful
41 Increase threefold
45 Essen's river
48 Popular 1940s attire
50 Largest of the seven
51 Green-eyed monster
52 Moment
53 Lave
54 — -do-well
55 "What did you say?"

DOWN

1 Turkish money
2 Big fusses
3 Academic
4 Exaggerated pride
5 Occurrence
6 Shelter
7 Ideal
8 Pacify
9 Boom times
10 "Monty Python" intro
11 Pirouette pivot
16 Irritable
20 Witty one
23 It takes the cake
24 Massage supplies
25 Story
26 "Begone!"
27 Saxophone range
28 Symbol of gentleness
29 Phone transmission
32 National
33 Salary
35 Cattle call
36 Constant sufferer
38 Big name in daytime TV
39 Franklin, for one
42 Reagan successor
43 Stead
44 Leave a lasting impression
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46 — Today
47 Towel designation
49 "A Chorus Line" song

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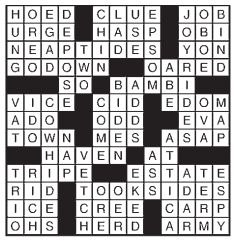

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8	1	5	2	7	3	9	4	6
7	9	6	5	4	8	3	1	2
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Three-meat Stromboli

INGREDIENTS:
2 loaves (1 lb/500 g each) frozen bread dough, thawed
2 tbsp (25 ml) Dijon mustard
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1/4 lb (125 g) pastrami, finely chopped
1/4 lb (125 g) pepperoni, finely chopped
1/4 lb (125 g) hard salami, finely chopped
1 cup (250 ml) shredded Swiss cheese
1 egg, beaten

METHOD:
1. Roll each loaf of bread into 12-in. x 7-in. (30.5 cm x 18 cm) rectangle. Spread mustard to within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of edges. Sprinkle each with 2 tbsp (25 ml) Parmesan cheese.
2. Combine pastrami, pepperoni, salami and Swiss cheese; sprinkle over dough. Top with remaining Parmesan. Brush edges of dough with egg. Roll up jelly-roll style, beginning with long side. Seal edge and ends.

3. Place seam side down on greased baking sheet; cut three slits in top of each loaf. Bake at 350 F (180 C) 35-40 minutes. Slice; serve warm.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Mars, your ruler, moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, so how can you possible lose? Chances are you can't.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Some will be surprised and some will be shocked by just how emotional you get today, but they shouldn't be because the signs have been there.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
With intense cosmic activity taking place in one of the more outgoing areas of your chart it's unlikely you will do domesticated things.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
No matter how big the task you have set yourself and no matter how strong the rivals who stand in your way there is no doubt you will beat the odds.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Whatever you do today and over the weekend you are sure to make a superb job of it. With Mars moving into your sign there will be no stopping you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You have what it takes to make your dreams come true and no matter what setbacks you may encounter today you must tell yourself that you will succeed.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are in for a busy few days in the company of people you not only respect but who are on the same wavelength as you emotionally.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you need to get tough with someone now is the time to come down on them hard. You won't be in the mood to forgive and forget.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You won't stop moving or talking today and anyone who wants a peaceful life had better stay out of your way.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You are in one of those moods where you can't decide whether to change everything or to leave things as they are.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Just lately it seems that everything you turn your hand to goes better than expected, but you may come up against an obstacle that cannot be moved.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Others may not be trying to deliberately mislead you but the planets indicate they themselves have been deceived. Break the chain – think for yourself.

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